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#### **HUD LAUNCHES 2005 SuperNOFA!**

The March 21<sup>st</sup> issue of the *Federal Register* published HUD's fiscal year 2005 SuperNOFA (Notice of Funding Availability) under which almost \$2.3 billion in more than 40 programs will be awarded competitively to housing, community and economic development organizations across the country. This is the first HUD SuperNOFA to require applicants to file electronic applications via [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)

Only applicants for 2005 Continuum of Care grants need not file electronically. More details – deadlines, eligibility standards, funding levels, rating and ranking factors, application processes, program regulations – can be found at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) or at HUD's grants page, at [www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/fundsavail.cfm](http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/fundsavail.cfm). And, for a complete, up-to-date listing of SuperNOFA satellite broadcasts, visit [www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/nofa05/snbroadcast.doc](http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/nofa05/snbroadcast.doc)

#### **'NOTHER NOFA**

March 14th *Federal Register* announced \$4.2 billion in grant and loan opportunities under USDA Rural Development's Section 515 Rural Rental, Section 533 Housing Preservation, and Farm Labor Housing, Section 521 Rural Rental Assistance, Section 502 Rural Housing, Section 504 Housing Repair, and Section 532 Mutual/ Self-Help Housing programs. Visit [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) or [www.rurdev.usda.gov](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov)

#### **CALLING ALL NON-PROFITS!**

Is your non-profit ready, willing and able to expand the supply of affordable housing for the low-income elderly or persons with disabilities in your community? Then attend the free "Intro to HUD's 202 and 811 Programs" at HUD Richmond at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Space is limited, so reserve now with [althea\\_warren@hud.gov](mailto:althea_warren@hud.gov)

#### **FOSTERING FAIR HOUSING**

Fair Housing Month 2005 will be celebrated on the Virginia Beach campus of Tidewater Community College on Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, with a conference on "Fostering Secure and Diverse Communities" with presentations by representatives from the Virginia NAACP, the Jewish Family Center of Hampton Roads, the Hispanic Committee of Virginia, the Islamic Center of Hampton Roads, the office of the U.S. Attorney and the Commonwealth's Attorney General. Contact [anne\\_davis@hud.gov](mailto:anne_davis@hud.gov) or call 1800842-2610, x3741. Space is limited.

#### **!!! NEWS FLASH !!!**

March 30<sup>th</sup> *Federal Register* announces NOFA for \$135 million in new HOPE VI revitalization grants. For more, visit [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)

#### **BRIEF BRIEFS**

. HUD Secretary Jackson says February rise in new home sales and single-family housing starts "show that housing is still a leader in our rapidly recovering economy". . Governor Warner signs bill passed unanimously by General Assembly that "significantly strengthens" Commonwealth's regulation of assisted living facilities. . Virginia Mortgage Lenders Association and HUD Philadelphia Homeownership

Center offer full-day of training to more than 100 lenders at new Richmond Convention Center. . Norfolk Redevelopment & Housing launches Builders and Designers Guild for industry professionals who believe "quality design, and craftsmanship are integral components of creating great neighborhoods". . Congressman J. Randy Forbes and Chesapeake Redevelopment & Housing break ground for \$3.8 million, 25,000 square foot Campostella Square Community Center. . Don't forget to nominate your favorite neighborhood in Virginia for a 2005 Statewide Neighborhood Award at <http://www.norfolk.gov/Neighborhoods/Services/VASNConf-Nomination.asp>. . Newport News Office of Human Affairs hosts three Fair Housing open houses. . Main Street programs in Bedford, Culpeper, Danville, Franklin, Harrisonburg, Luray, Lynchburg, Manassas, Marion, Martinsville, Orange, Rocky Mount, South Boston, Staunton, Warrenton, Waynesboro and Winchester win 2005 Milestone Awards at Warrenton conference. . Community Housing Partners one of 16 groups nationwide selected for Fannie Mae Foundation's new Leadership Alliance. . For details on applying for \$20,000 DHCD "Seed Fund" capacity building grants due April 29th, contact [Desi.Wynter@dhcd.virginia.gov](mailto:Desi.Wynter@dhcd.virginia.gov) or call 804/786-1150. . Greenville County and Southern Virginia Development Corporation to host Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, homeownership fair in Emporia. . United Parents Against Lead to celebrate Lead Awareness Month on April 8<sup>th</sup> at Holiday Inn Crossroads in Richmond. . City of Hampton and Abbitt Realty to host first-ever "Get Your Move On!" with homebuying workshops, showcase home tours and a grand prize drawing of \$3,000 to help with closing costs on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at new Hampton Convention Center. . USDA makes almost \$9 million is available "for connecting essential community facilities to high-speed telecommunications in rural towns". . Accessible Housing Inc. says HUD-assisted Sanderling complex in Chesapeake is on track for completion by September. . FHA inspectors looking for new ID numbers should visit

[https://entp.hud.gov/idapp/html/insplook.cfm?in\\_fha=No](https://entp.hud.gov/idapp/html/insplook.cfm?in_fha=No). . Virginia Historic Resources Board adds 14 properties and 7 districts to Virginia Landmark Registry. . Homeward hosts 7<sup>th</sup> annual Summit at University of Richmond. . Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond runs "Q^A" with Dr. Ted Koebel of Virginia Tech Virginia Housing Study Center in current issue of MARKETWISE. . HUD Richmond okays \$11.2 million substantial rehabilitation of Manitou Townhouses in Hampton, and \$28 million construction of 204-unit Belmont in Virginia Beach.

#### **HERE'S YOUR CHANCE**

Got a topic that "absolutely, positively" ought to be discussed at the 2005 Governor's Housing Conference from September 14<sup>th</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup> in Roanoke? Well, here's your chance. Then visit <http://www.dhcd.virginia.gov/ADMIN/GHC2005/proposal.asp> and let DHCD's conference planners know the who's, what's and why's of what you'd like discussed. Deadline is April 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### **INCREASING ACCESSIBILITY**

The Fannie Mae has awarded \$25,000 to VHDA to expand its program – started with funds from the Christopher Reeve Foundation and DHCD – to give grants of up to \$1,000 to people with disabilities earning 80 percent or less of area median income to make their rental units more accessible. Those interested should contact their local Center for Independent Living or call 804/343-5605.

#### **DON'T FORGET**

Applications for Appalachian Regional Commission's \$250,000 Asset-Based Economic Development Grants are due May 31<sup>st</sup>. For more, visit <http://www.arc.gov/index.do?nodeId=2648> where you'll also find out about the Building Creative Communities: Asset Based Economic Development Conference in Asheville, North Carolina April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> sponsored by ARC and HandMade in America.